



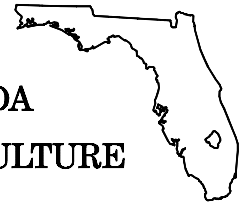
Florida Agricultural Statistics Service
1222 Woodward Street
Orlando, Florida 32803
407 / 648-6013

<http://www.nass.usda.gov/fl>

LIVESTOCK DAIRY & POULTRY

LDP-05-01

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



January 2005

TOPICS IN THIS REPORT

Cattle on Feed: Average Prices - Nebraska
Chickens and Eggs
Hatchery Production
Milk Production
Livestock Slaughter

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on January 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above January 1, 2004 and six percent above January 1, 2003. The inventory included 7.19 million steers and steer calves, up five percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.05 million head, down seven percent from January 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.83 million, five percent above 2003 and 14 percent above 2002. This is the highest placements for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were

465,000, 600-699 pounds were 558,000, 700-799 pounds were 489,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 322,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.78 million, two percent above 2003 but one percent below 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 92,000 during December, two percent above 2003 but seven percent below 2002.

CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, December 2003, November and December 2004

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>					
December	503	529	448	268	1,748
November	590	557	326	270	1,743
December	465	558	489	322	1,834

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, AND UNITED STATES

State	Number on feed December 1			Placed during December			Marketed during December			Other disappearance during December			Number on feed January 1		
	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2003	2004	2004-03	2004	2005	2005-04
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>		
	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>		
AZ	284	329	116	32	33	103	22	30	136	1	1	100	293	331	113
CA	500	530	106	70	72	103	55	62	113	5	5	100	510	535	105
CO	1,060	1,100	104	180	135	75	190	145	76	10	10	100	1,040	1,080	104
ID	310	305	98	53	55	104	60	62	103	3	3	100	300	195	98
IA	370	435	118	50	71	142	48	55	115	2	1	50	370	450	122
KS	2,480	2,390	96	410	490	120	435	450	103	25	20	80	2,430	2,410	99
NE	2,280	2,300	101	350	390	111	340	380	112	10	10	100	2,280	2,300	101
NM	121	129	107	14	14	100	17	15	88	3	2	67	115	126	110
OK	350	355	101	53	53	100	45	52	116	3	6	200	355	350	99
SD	200	186	93	31	42	135	30	34	113	1	2	200	200	192	96
TX	2,840	2,740	96	420	405	96	410	420	102	20	25	125	2,830	2,700	95
WA	210	185	88	30	39	130	38	32	84	2	2	100	200	190	95
Oth. Sts.	330	360	109	55	35	64	50	40	80	5	5	100	330	350	106
U.S.	11,335	11,344	100	1,748	1,834	105	174	1,625	102	90	92	102	11,253	11,309	100

AVERAGE PRICES, NEBRASKA, DOLLARS PER CWT

Week ended	Slaughter steers Choice 1150-1500 lbs				Slaughter heifers Choice 1000-1300 lbs			
	2003-2004		2004-2005		2003-2004		2004-2005	
Dec 18	91.28		84.21		92.31		85.10	
Dec 25	80.43		89.23		83.49		89.08	
Jan 01	74.96		86.50		74.56		87.45	

CHICKENS AND EGGS

MID-MONTH TABLE EGG PRICES RECEIVED BY FLORIDA EGG PRODUCERS.

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-January 2005 averaged 40.0 cents, down 13.0cents from mid-December. Table egg production in Florida during December was 239 million eggs, down two percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.70 billion during December 2004, up two percent from last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2004 averaged 345 million, up two percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,235 eggs, up one percent from December 2003.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2005, totaled 346 million, up three percent from a year ago. The 346 million layers consisted of 287 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.72 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2005, averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2004	2005
January	81.0	40.0
February	81.0	
March	101.0	
April	67.0	
May	52.0	
June	53.0	
July	46.0	
August	40.0	
September	34.0	
October	36.0	
November	46.0	
December	53.0	

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month, percent molting and molted

	Jan 2004	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005
Total layers on hand: Thous.	11,039	10,583	10,427	10,125
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	3.0	3.5	2.0	8.5
Molt completed	26.0	21.0	21.5	20.0

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, DECEMBER 2004, PRODUCTION YEAR-TO-DATE EGG PRODUCTION FOR SELECTED STATES

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Percent</i>	
Alabama	9,255	1,945	180	43	137	180	1.5	4.5
Arkansas	14,796	1,953	289	109	180	289	2.0	10.5
California	20,524	2,290	470			470	3.0	36.0
Florida	10,657	2,308	246	239	7	246	8.5	20.0
Georgia	20,025	2,177	436	265	171	436	3.0	16.0
Indiana	23,287	2,280	531	518	13	531	4.5	31.5
Iowa	47,225	2,211	1,044			1,044	5.5	36.5
Maine	2,723	2,350	64			64	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,198	2,408	77	75	2	77	8.0	33.5
Michigan	7,482	2,326	174			174	10.5	30.0
Minnesota	11,093	2,254	250	242	8	250	5.0	24.5
Mississippi	6,959	1,940	135	40	95	135	2.0	11.0
Missouri	7,285	2,265	165			165	1.5	22.5
Nebraska	12,000	2,267	272	272		272	5.5	22.0
New York	4,147	2,460	102			103	2.5	5.0
North Carolina	10,934	1,994	218	82	136	218	1.5	6.5
Ohio	27,839	2,324	647			647	4.0	24.0
Pennsylvania	23,920	2,379	569	552	17	569	4.5	13.0
South Carolina	5,332	2,307	123	104	19	123	2.5	30.0
Texas	18,293	2,296	420			420	2.5	20.0
Virginia	3,185	2,135	68	34	34	68	0.0	11.5
Washington	4,897	2,348	115			115	5.0	28.0
Other States	49,479		1,104	407	92	1,104	2.6	26.0
United States	344,533	2,235	7,699	6,619	1,080	7,699	4.1	23.2

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The December hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,901,000 was one percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on January 1, at 3,982,000, were one percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during December at 1,000,000 chicks was 34 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 886,000 were 40 percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

The December 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 793 million, was up two percent from December of the previous year. There were 651 million eggs in incubators on January 1, 2005, up two percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.08 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2004, down 13 percent from December 2003.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December totaled 37.0 million, up 10 percent from December 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.4 million on January 1, 2005, up nine percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 235,000 during December 2004, down four percent from December 2003.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2004	2005	2005 % of 2004
<i>-- Thousands --</i>			
EGG-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Jan 1	31,655	34,437	109
Chicks hatched during Dec	33,645	37,035	110
Pullets hatched during Dec for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	246	235	96
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,924	3,291	113
BROILER-TYPE:			
Eggs in incubators: Jan 1	637,048	650,680	102
Chicks hatched during Dec	780,094	793,047	102
Pullets hatched during Dec for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,978	6,075	87
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	60,378	61,750	102

^{1/} 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2003 through May 2004.

^{2/} 2004 includes pullet chicks hatched September 2003 through May 2004.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 190 million pounds of milk during December 2004, unchanged from the previous December. Production per cow of 1,375 pounds was one percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in December totaled 138,000, one percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during December totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from December 2003. November revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from November 2003. The November revision represented an increase of five million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,602 pounds for December, six pounds above December 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.76 million head, 47,000 head more than December 2003, but 4,000 head less than November 2004.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND U.S.

Month and year		Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
			Per cow	Monthly Total
		<i>Thous.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>
FLORIDA:				
December	2003	140	1,355	190
November	2004	137	1,250	171
December	2004	138	1,375	190
20 MAJOR STATES:				
December	2003	7,713	1,596	12,313
November	2004	7,764	1,526	11,851
December	2004	7,760	1,602	12,432
UNITED STATES:				
December	2003	8,994	1,575	14,164
November	2004	9,020	1,507	13,589
December	2004	9,011	1,582	14,257

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Mil. Lbs.</i>	
Jan-Mar	9,144	8,990	4,710	4,750	43,069	42,701
Apr-Jun	9,109	8,998	4,827	4,858	43,965	43,712
Jul-Sep	9,073	9,031	4,601	4,670	41,746	42,174
Oct-Dec	9,011	9,018	4,609	4,646	41,532	41,895
Annual Total	9,084	9,009	18,749	18,924	170,312	170,482

^{1/} Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for December 2004 was 5.3 million pounds, 12 percent below the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the

United States for December at 3.93 billion pounds, was one percent above 2003.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	December 2003	November 2004	December 2004	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004
FLORIDA					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	8	7	7	97	80
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	14	8	13	110	102
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	2,381	1,421	2,132	19,190	17,181
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.3	0.2	0.3	14.5	12.4
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	26	10	18	247	158
Red meat production (million pounds)	6.0	4.7	5.3	66.7	55.0
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,675	2,541	2,691	35,494	32,723
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,329	3,229	3,412	43,703	40,583
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,244	*1,268	1,268	1,231	1,240
Beef production (million pounds)	1,978	*1,940	2,042	26,238	24,544
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	97	68	75	1,001	844
Total liveweight (million pounds)	31	23	25	316	279
Average liveweight (pounds)	322	336	334	318	331
Veal production (million pounds)	19	14	15	192	167
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9,361	*8,971	9,250	100,931	103,454
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,518	2,417	2,497	26,865	27,560
Average liveweight (pounds)	269	270	270	266	266
Pork production (million pounds)	1,869	*1,799	1,857	19,946	20,509
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	262	242	242	2,979	2,838
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	36	33	34	399	386
LAMB AND MUTTON:	18	17	17	200	194
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,884	*3,769	3,931	46,576	45,414

^{1/} Does not include calf slaughter data.

* Revised.